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Sent from *Frankendale* in *Germanie*, by a Souldier of those Colonels, to his Worshipfull friends here in ENGLAND.

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MY loue and dutie (Right Worſhipfull) vrging me oftentimes (ſince my departure from England) to make an explanation of the ſame to your ſelfe, with the reſt of my good friends, and now comming to a fulneſſe of affection, I am here to giue you a certification, of all the occurrances and paſſages in ſeruice from thoſe troubleſome parts of Germanie, where I am now reſident: and although I am a little preuented, in laying open the full diſcourſe of our Iournalls or Martch, by the departure of many of our Regiment that are returned backe to England, who hath reported more then I am able to write, yet neuertheleſſe, will I giue you a touch of our tra-

uaile and martch, as my remembrance will giue me leaue.

First, wee had a quicke passage to *Roterdam*, from thence to *Delfe*, where wee were mustered for the King of *Bohemia*, and was billited there for three weekes, where we had our Apparell, our Hats, and Colours, with our Armes giuen to vs: from thence we Marcht vp the Riuer of *Rhine* to *Rayse*, where we stayed vntill we heard from his Excellence; from thence we Marcht vp the *Rhine*, vntill wee came right against *Wesell*, where his Excellence lay with twenty thousand Horse and Foote, and mounted his Ordinance against *Wesell*, where wee lay in leaguer the most part of Iuly, vntill the Bridge was made ouer the *Rhine*: and the first of August we Marcht ouer the *Rhine*; his Excellencies Musketieres gaue vs three volleyes of shot at our departing: from thence we Marcht accompanied with *Graue Henrick*, and his troupes of Horse, and when we came to our lodging, wee were entertayned by the Boores of the Countrey, with fresh Straw, Bread, and Beere, and what else wee could get, and so Marcht forwards, sometimes twenty miles a day, sometimes more, and sometimes lesse: but *Spindola* made account to cut vs off euery man of vs; & because we Marcht extraordinary, he reported the Diuell did leade vs; but I am sure that God was our guide and defender, and so wee Marcht vntill wee came to a Towne called *Bensum*, where we were billited three dayes, where we had good

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Wine in aboundance, and good cheare with it. The Wine was commonly set on the Table in a Paile or some such like vessell, wherein wee filled our glasse, and dranke euery man his belly full. From this Towne wee Marcht towards *Anne*, where dwelleth *Graue Henrickes* sister, who is Princesse of that place, and she Royally came to vs in the Field, with other Gallants in their Caroches, guarded with Horse and Foote, whom courteously greeted our Lords and Captaines, we standing in Battalia manner, which when she returned, wee Marcht to a little Dorpe neere adioyning, where wee had two Alarums that night, which caused most of vs to leaue our victuals behind vs: some their meate a boyling, and some rosting, which was a great griefe vnto vs being hungry the next day. Also it was the first time that wee had any Alarum, and so wee Marcht from that Dorpe towards *Wormes*, where wee Marcht ouer the Riuer, and so thorough *Wormes* to a Dorpe sixe miles distant from that place, and so wee Marcht vp and downe vntill wee did meete with the Princes of the Vnion, who ioyned with our forces to meete *Spindola*, who lay then in a Towne called *Vpnam*, which was yeelded to him, and there he Entrencht his Forces, that by no meanes possible they could remoue him out; wherefore the Generall gaue command to draw our Forces into Field to giue him battaile, and so we Marcht vntill wee had sight of his Forces, and wee Marcht about to get the winde of them, the

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which we obtayned, and then our Generall gaue commaund to draw out part out of euery Company, to be of the Forlorne Hope, to giue the onset, whereof my selfe was one of the number, and Doctor *Burges* our Minister did encourage vs to fight valiantly, and did assure vs wee should finde our reward in heauen: whereupon we feasted our selues with such victuals as wee had, and threw away our Snap-sackes, with all our Prouision, both linnen and woollen, because it would be troublesome to vs, and couragiously prouiding vs for the battaile, and vpon the suddaine wee heard the Enemies Drums beate a Martch, where wee discried them to Martch backe againe to our Lodgings the next morning, for wee remayned in the Field all that night, the next day our Generall had notice giuen him, that the Enemie did martch towards the Citie of *Wormes*, wherefore hee gaue commaund the next night to martch without sound of Drumme, or displaying our Coulours, thinking to meete with him before he came to *VVormes*: but the Enemie had intelligence of our comming, wherefore they returned backe into their Trenches that night, being extreame colde, that it killed many of our Souldiers, as namely Captaine *Trussell*, my Lieutenant, and diuers others, whom died when they came to Garrison into *Frankendale*, which was a little befor Christmas, for the Rayne and Snow began to fall, that wee were not able to lye any longer in the Fields: wherefore wee marcht into

Frankendale,

Frankendale, where we haue duty enough put vpon vs, for euery third night we watch at the Ports and Bulwarkes, ſtanding Sentinell on the walles with our Armes in our hands: we do make them to ſtand, be he friend or foe, and cry *que vella?* beſides Alarums, which often times falles out, ſome times two or three in a weeke: wee had Alarum on the Saterday night before Shroue-Sunday, where wee were drawne all on the walls, and on the next night following wee were drawne out of the Towne, expecting to meete with ſome of the Enemies Forces, but we did not; and marching neere vnto *Wormes* without ſound of Drumme or diſplaying our Coulours, they thought vs to be Enemies, wherefore they ſhot at vs, and hurt two of our Company, wherefore wee diſcried our ſelues, and Marcht backe againe: and now wee are certified that *Lepoltus* the Emperours brother is comming downe with twelue thouſand to ayde *Marques Spindola* againſt vs, and they haue reported to beſiege this Towne and *Wormes* both in one day, but before they winne them, it will coſt them hote liquor, for our Generall gaue commaund to burne ſome Townes neere vnto vs, becauſe the Enemie ſhall not Intrench his Forces neere vs, and the Boores that dwelt in them haue brought their Goods into our Towne, and they themſelues doe worke vpon our Walles without the Towne, and are making halfe Moones, Sconces, Bulwarkes, Counterſcarfes, and Trenches. Wee haue had lately 12. Peeces of Ordinance

from *Wormes* to plant vpon our Walles, beſides the Peeces that were planted before, which will encounter with them before they come at our Towne; and afterwards, our nimble Muskatieres will ſpeake three words at once to them: Wee haue in our Towne many Streetes, and in euery Streete one Well with two Buckets of very good water, alſo a good Riuer running thorough the Towne: and neuertheleſſe, wee haue Wine in the Towne as plentifull as water, which is ſolde vnder three pence the quart: alſo Bread and Beere as good and cheaper then in England, and ſo of Fleſh and other commodities. There was in our martch good Hogs ſolde for twelue pence a peece and vnder, alſo Pullets, Pidgions, and other fleſh very reaſonable. I thinke we ſhall not haue the like penny-worthes when wee come to England: but we hope well, and purpoſe to make a tryall of it, and now vnwilling to be too tedious, I will abruptly conclude. So remembring my loue and commendations to all my good friends, I reſt: committing you to the protection of the Almighty, this 9. of March. 1621.

A. M.

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